

Appl. No.10,717,269
Atty. Docket No. 9222RQ
Amdt. dated 21 April, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 21, 2006
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 12-20 are being withdrawn from consideration as a result of the restriction requirement.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

The Examiner has required, under 35 U.S.C. §121, election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits.

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a process for producing a stabilized tampon from a pledget.
- II. Claims 12-19, drawn to a rotary apparatus for mass-producing tampons from pledgets.
- III. Claim 20, drawn to a method for unloading a tampon from a split stabilization mold.

Pursuant to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the process for producing a stabilized tampon from a pledget, which is designated in the Office Action as Invention I. Claims 1-11 are drawn to this invention. This election is made with traverse.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application and allowance of Claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

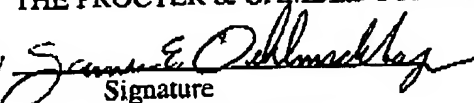
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